

Preliminary Amendment dated **December 14, 2005**
Application claiming priority from PCT/CH2004/000336
Attorney Docket No.: UP-341

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-3 have been amended hereby and claim 4 has been added hereby.

The amendments to claims 1-3 are clerical in nature and do not address the substantive scope of the claims. More specifically, the amendments made to the claims hereby delete reference numerals from each of the claims and make formalistic amendments to claims 1 and 3. Newly added claim 4 corresponds to text deleted from original claim 3.

The specification has been amended hereby to assert a claim of priority and to eliminate informalities. It is noted that the amendments have been made to the specification as modified by amendments annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report and that the amendments annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report have not been repeated by the present Preliminary Amendment.

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In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for any extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 16-0248, Pappas Law Offices. Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 426-2340.

Respectfully submitted,



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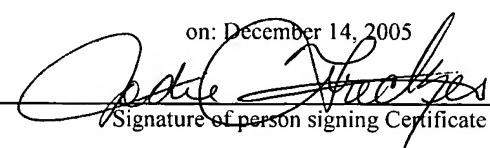
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